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The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

28 September 1984

National Intelligence Council

Mr. Dennis M. Nagy
Acting Deputy Director
for Foreign Intelligence
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Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Dennis,

Thanks for your letter of 21 September requesting a Special National Intelligence Estimate (SNIE) on "Drug-Related Threats to US Security Interests." In considering your request, I have learned that CIA's Office of Global Issues has already begun work on an Intelligence Assessment that addresses the same issues raised in your request for the SNIE. The Assessment is scheduled for production during the First Quarter FY85, and I have ensured that the Terms of Reference and Concept Paper for the Assessment are forwarded for your review and comment.

While there are advantages to the National Estimative process, in this instance I believe they are mitigated by the CIA analytical effort already underway. In view of this, I hope you will agree that undertaking the SNIE requested by General Hosmer would be a duplicative effort.

As we continue to work together on the narcotics target, please be assured that the National Intelligence Council will continue to consider DOD's needs when planning narcotics Estimates.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Gates
Chairman

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

VIA: Acting Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM:
Assistant National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics

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SUBJECT: General Hosmer's Request for a SNIE on Drug-Related
Threats to US Security Interests

REFERENCE: Ltr to C/NIC from Dennis M. Nagy, Same Subject

1. OGI has already begun preliminary work on an Intelligence Assessment (IA) that addresses the issues raised in General Hosmer's request for the subject SNIE. OGI plans to produce the IA during the First Quarter. Minor adjustments to the draft Concept Paper and TOR for the IA will ensure that it is tailored to fully meet DOD's needs, and those of other policymakers, for information on the drug-related threat to national security. In addition, OGI has agreed to provide DOD with a copy of the Concept Paper and TOR for comment.

2. While we realize there are obvious advantages to a Community approach to issues such as the one raised by General Hosmer, in this case the OGI paper is on target and a SNIE would merely duplicate the ongoing effort. In view of this, I concur with OGI in recommending that you not agree to undertake the SNIE. If you concur, a response to Mr. Nagy's letter along the lines of ATT 1 would seem appropriate.

3. Independent of General Hosmer's request, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence has asked to meet with me when I return to discuss Community narcotics initiatives and DOD's role in fighting drug traffic. As I understand it, he would like to begin a dialogue designed to ensure that DOD's narcotics intelligence efforts are in closer step with those of other agencies and that they address the issues most relevant to JCS operational planners. Our discussions may also serve to further ease General Hosmer's concerns.

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